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2002 COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

WEST VIRGINIA – Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 7.7 million pounds during 2002. This was 1 percent above the 2001 production of 7.6 million. The number of Federally and Non Federally inspected slaughter plants totaled 34 on January 1, 2003, down 5 from January 1, 2002.

West Virginia with 2001 Comparisons:

- **Beef production** - 10.27 million pounds, up 1 percent.
- **Cattle slaughtered** - 11,000 head, up 2 percent.
- **Pork production** - 2.46 million pounds, up less than 1 percent.
- **Hogs slaughtered** - 9,600 head, up 4 percent.

Average live weight of cattle slaughtered in 2002 was 936 pounds, down 6 pounds. The average live weight for hogs was 256 pounds, down 10 pounds.

Calves and sheep and lambs information was not published to avoid disclosure.

UNITED STATES – Red meat production in commercial plants and on farms for the United States totaled 47.3 billion pounds in 2002, a new record high. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 47.2 billion pounds.

United States with 2001 Comparisons:

- **Beef production** - 27.2 billion pounds, up 1 percent above the previous record high set in 2000.
- **Veal production** - 205.2 million pounds, up 1 percent from the record low set last year.
- **Pork production** - 19.7 billion pounds, 2 percent above the record high set in 1999.
- **Lamb and mutton production** - 222.2 million pounds, 3 percent below the previous record low set a year ago.
- **Cattle slaughtered** - 35.7 million head, up 1 percent from 2001.
- **Calves slaughtered** - 1.05 million head, up 4 percent from a year ago.
- **Hogs slaughtered** - 100.3 million head, up 2 percent from 2001.
- **Sheep and lambs slaughtered** - 3.29 million head, up 2 percent from 2001.

Average live weight of cattle slaughtered in 2002 was 1,251 pounds, up 30 pounds from 2001. The calf slaughter average live weight was 312 pounds, down 8 pounds from the previous year. The average live weight for hogs was 265 pounds, up 1 pound from last year. Sheep and lambs average live weight was down 7 pounds to 133 pounds.

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